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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Ramon Efrain VASQUEZ) Group Art Unit: 1761
Application No.: 10/728,827) Confirmation No. 9280
Filed: December 8, 2003)

For: **STABLE SODIUM-FREE OR LOW-SODIUM AQUEOUS SOLUTION OF
AGREEABLE SALTINESS TASTE**

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. The listed documents were cited in the corresponding International Search Report or cited in the specification of the above-identified application. In accordance with current practice, copies of the listed U.S. Patent Documents will not be provided.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each, any, or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the present application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Further, Applicants reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied as prior art against the claims of the present application.

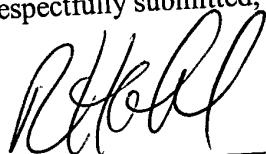
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the below-listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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